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SUBJECT: PROPOSED RENOVATION AMERICAN LIBRARY ATTIC SPACE

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1. AS INDICATED REFTEL WE BELIEVE \$18,000 FIGURE IS REALISTIC OPENER FOR RENOVATION OF LIBRARY ATTIC SPACE WHICH WE FEEL WILL MAKE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO INCREASED PROGRAMMED EFFECTIVENESS. ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AGENCY (ODCD) RESPONSIBLE FOR RENOVATION ADVISES US THAT A MINIMUM OF \$10,000 WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION (WALLS, FLOORS AND CEILINGS), ELECTRICAL WIRING AND AIR DUCTS FOR AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING, AND PLUMBING. IN ADDITION WE ESTIMATE LIGHT FIXTURES AND OTHER FURNISHINGS WOULD COST BETWEEN \$8,000 TO \$10,000. IN EVENT TOTAL AMOUNT P.I.E. \$18,000 TO \$20,000) NOT AVAILABLE FROM AREA FUNDS, POST WILL BEING TO INVEST SOME GOE DURING FY-76 AND WOULD HOPE THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DEDICATION OF THIS NEW SPACE DURING THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR.

2. BASIC RENOVATION INVOLVED WOULD PLACE MICROFICHE AND MUSIC COLLECTIONS CLOSE TO ONE ANOTHER. AT PRESENT, THESE SERVICES ARE LOCATED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE PRESENT STRUCTURE AND ARE SERVICED BY ONE LIBRARIAN REQUIRING THAT ONE OF THESE SECTIONS REMAIN CLOSED WHILE THE OTHER IS OPEN.

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RELOCATING THESE SECTIONS WILL ENABLE US TO KEEP THEM BOTH

OPEN AT THE SAME TIME. EXPANDED HOURS FOR MICROFICHE COLLECTION VIEWED AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS WE CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS RESOURCE FOR PRIORITY AUDIENCE IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS.

3. MAJOR DECISION CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY CONCERNS NATURE OF MUSIC ROOM EQUIPMENT PURCHASE. POST IS LEANING TOWARD MAJOR INVESTMENT IN CASSETT TAPE RECORDS WITH LESS MONEY PUT INTO DISCS AND REEL-W-REEL TAPE RECORDERS. WE ARE CURRENTLY EXAMINING COST ESTIMATED FOR AN ARRANGEMENT COMBINING BOTH SYSTEMS WHILE WEIGHING PROGRAM ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF SUCH AN APPROACH.

4. CONSIDERING THE CONSTRUCTION RENOVATION PORTION, THE ELECTRICAL FIXTURES REQUIRED AND THE NEW MUSIC EQUIPMENT WE PURCHASE, THE \$18,000 SOUNDS LIKE THE RIGHT BALLPARK.
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